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SUBJECT: MEETING OF MBFR WORKING GROUP, APRIL 5

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SUMMARY: AT APRIL 5 MEETING, MAJORITY OF MBFR WORKING GROUP
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MEMBERS REACTED NEGATIVELY TO U. S. POSITION ROLE OF WG. FURTHER
DISCUSSION TO BE SCHEDULED AFTER CAPITALS REACT. CONCERNING SUG-

GESTION TO RE- WORK " STATIONED" FORCES PAPER, DISCUSSION CENTERED MAINLY ON DEFINITIONS AND NETHERLANDS ANNOUNCEMENT IT WAS CONSIDERING DEFINING ITS FORCES IN FRG AS " INDIGENOUS". FOLLOWING APRIL 4 COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF " MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUES", WG AGREED (AD REF FOR U. S.) TO PREPARE PAPER CROSS- REFERENCING ISSUES TO WG PAPERS. FIRST DRAFT OF PROGRESS REPORT FOR JUNE MINISTERIAL LOOKED GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. NEXT WG MEETING PROBABLY APRIL 18. END SUMMARY

1. IMPLICATIONS OF REDUCTIONS IN FOREIGN " STATIONED" FORCES - WORKING GROUP HAD ONLY LIMITED DISCUSSION OF AC/276- WP(73)10. NETHERLANDS REP SAID THAT HIS MILITARY AUTHORITIES WERE RECONSIDERING WHETHER THEIR FORCES IN GERMANY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED " STATIONED" OR " INDIGENOUS" FORCES. THERE WERE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS REGARDING MALDEPLOYMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE IF THE FORCES WERE CALLED " STATIONED." THE NETHERLANDS THEREFORE SOUGHT A FORMULA UNDER WHICH THESE FORCES MIGHT BE CONSIDERED INDIGENOUS, AT LEAST TO THE REDUCTION AREA. IN RESPONSE TO THE FRG REP, THE NETHERLANDS REP STATED HE COULD PROVIDE WG WITH NETHERLANDS CONCLUSION ON THIS MATTER ON A TECHNICAL, AS OPPOSED TO A POLITICAL BASIS, IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

2. BELGIAN REP RESTATED POSITION THAT MBFR REDUCTIONS COULD BEGIN WITH STATIONED FORCES, BUT ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WAS AN OVERALL PROGRAM LEADING TO REDUCTIONS OF INDIGENOUS FORCES AS WELL. UK AND BELGIAN REPS REFERRED TO PROBLEMS IN DEFINITIONS OF STATIONED AND INDIGENOUS FORCES. ITALIAN REP CAUTIONED ABOUT CHANGING DEFINITIONS AT THIS STAGE, SINCE NOT ALL WOULD UNDERSTAND THE NEW DEFINITIONS AND CONFUSION WOULD RESULT. FRG SUGGESTED A STARTING POINT WOULD BE TO RE- EXAMINE THE DEFINITIONS IN THE BROSIO MANDATE. THE CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED THAT THE STAFF GROUP SHOULD REVIEW DEFINITIONS OF STATIONED AND INDIGENOUS FORCES TO SEE DEFINITIONS WERE STILL SUITABLE.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION FOLLOWING COUNCIL EXAMINATION OF " MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUES" PAPER - SINCE APRIL 4 COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF PO/73/13 HAD BEEN PRELIMINARY AND INCONCLUSIVE (USNATO 1687) THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE WG DISCUSS ONLY THE UK SUGGESTION IN COUNCIL THAT THE STAFF GROUP PREPARE CONFIDENTIAL

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A PAPER CROSS- REFERENCING ISSUES TO WG PAPERS. UK REP SUGGESTED THAT WG ALSO PREPARE A LIST OF PAPERS REQUIRING POLITICAL GUIDANCE,

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